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For: LAMINATE WALL STRUCTURE

Original Title (if different): N/A

Group: 1771 Examiner: Guarriello

The above-identified prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee or abandonment or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use the file wrapper and all of the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the specification, drawings, and oath or declaration, as the basic papers for the new application and assign this application the serial number of the prior application.

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- [] Preliminary Amendment. Please enter before calculating the filing fee.
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- [X] Letter to Examiner.
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